

# HOMEMADE BOMB EXPLODES NEAR HOME IN PACIFIC HILLS, BLAME STRIKERS

## Teenage Girls Seriously Hurt When Car Brakes Fail



**CRASH SCENE . . .** Shirley Maddock, 17, who was seriously injured when the car in which she was riding with four other girls hit a telephone pole yesterday, is lifted onto a stretcher by ambulance attendants. (Herald photo)

### Girl Hospitalized, Four Hurt In Crash

A 17-year-old former Torrance High School girl was seriously injured and four other girls hurt when the car in which they were riding had a brake failure and crashed into a telephone pole on Sepulveda just west of Arlington Ave yesterday afternoon.

Shirley Maddock, 17, of 23305 Huber Ave., was taken to Harbor General Hospital with serious head injuries and facial cuts after she was thrown against the windshield by the impact. Driver of the late model convertible was Delores L. Bell, 17, of 2211 Andree Ave. She sustained facial injuries and knee lacerations. Other girls who were riding in the car were Lynn Foley, 17, of 1736 Cabrillo Ave.; Joanne Hall, 16, 21916 Halldale Ave., and Charlotte Ford, 17, of 2616 Cabrillo Ave. Joanne is presently attending Torrance High School, and Charlotte is a THS graduate. Police said that the brakes on the car had apparently failed. Shirley was due to go into surgery yesterday evening at Harbor General Hospital, and X-rays were to be taken to determine how serious her head injuries are. The other girls were checked and released.



**PERRY L. CONNETT**  
... Heads Realty Board

### Perry Connett Named President Of Realty Board

Realtor Perry L. Connett, whose offices are at 1871 W. Carson St., has been elected president of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board to succeed Howard Percy. Named to serve on the board of directors with Connett were C. J. "Paddy" Ryan, Eliza Travitt, Jim Decker, Harry Bowker, G. M. Earle, Harry Peterson, Edith Smith, and W. E. B. The Torrance-Lomita Realty Board has a membership of 131 and represents 40 offices in Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, San Pedro, Hollywood Riviera, Seaside Ranchos, and Wilmington.

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## Apartment Building Approved For Portion of Yukon Avenue

### BURGLARS DECLARE OPEN SEASON ON LOCAL HOMES

Burglars declared open season on Torrance residences here Tuesday evening, knocking over six of them while occupants were away during the evening.

Torrance police were notified of the burglaries beginning shortly after 9:45 p.m. Tuesday.

First to call was Mrs. A. L. Pulliam, of 24255 Ocean Ave., WALTERIA.

At 10:08, John Hoffman, of 16926 Casimir Ave., called.

At 10:15, Dr. Eugene L. Cook called to say he had frightened a man out of his offices at the Torrance Medical Group at 1104 Sartori.

At 10:52 William Wiley, of 3432 Cricklewood, reported that his house had been entered.

At 1:58 a.m. yesterday, James P. Pickett, of 4086 Newton St., reported a burglary at his home.

Esther M. Sanders, of 24410 Nevee, wound up the calls at 7:03 a.m. yesterday with a report that her home had been entered.

Biggest loser during the night-long foray apparently was Mrs. Pulliam, the first to call at 9:45. She told the Herald yesterday that the burglar took a Chinese teakwood chest with some odd coins in it, and ransacked the family's "document box," and made off with copies of their marriage license, his discharge certificates, insurance papers, birth certificates for the entire family, income tax returns for the past years, title insurance papers on the home, and other valuable papers.

### Rezoning Ordered In Stormy Session

Stormy protests of nearby residents failed to halt the rezoning of a portion of Yukon Ave. to allow construction of apartment dwellings when it came before the City Council here Tuesday evening.

In a four-to-one vote, with only Councilman Willis G. Blount voting against the measure, the Planning Commission recommendation that the area be rezoned from single-family dwelling to R-3, multiple dwelling units, was adopted.

Proponents of the change told the Councilmen at the hearing Tuesday evening that much of the property involved was too deep to be used for single-family dwellings—some of the lots were as deep as 376 feet.

Opponents from nearby streets objected to the threat of having apartments raised right at the back fence line of overcrowded schools, and the crowding of an already crowded street situation in the area.

The matter had been before the city for several months. The

### Crude Bomb Does Little Damage As It Explodes Near Residence

Torrance police are piecing together the fragments of a homemade bomb set off with a kitchen timing device Monday evening near the home of Jack Burgan, at 3335 Dalemead Ave. in Pacific Hills.

Investigators theorized that the bomb may have been intended for one of the several North American workers living in the area. Burgan is not employed by the firm.

Chief of Police John Stroh said the bomb was manufactured with a small dry-cell battery, a timing device similar to those used in kitchens, and what appeared to be black powder. The bomb exploded beside

Burgan's home about 8:45 p.m. Monday but inflicted only minor damage, investigating police reported.

In another incident blamed on strikers from the aircraft plant, Lavene R. Means, of 18927 Cordary, told police that he found a cement block wrapped in cloth on his front porch Monday and that someone had smeared the side panels of his auto with paint.

### WEATHER

Mostly sunny today with variable high cloudiness and little change in temperature. No rain in sight, nor wind.

## Nation's Third Highest Valor Award Given Torrance Soldier



**RECEIVES VALOR MEDAL . . .** Corporal George T. Yamaguchi receives the Silver Star, the third highest medal given to members of the Armed Forces, from Col. Weston L. Blanchard, assistant division commander, Sixth Infantry Division, in ceremonies at Fort Ord. Yamaguchi was cited for valor while fighting in Korea earlier this year. (U. S. Army Photo by Pfc. Dick Friend)

Decorated with the nation's third ranking medal the Silver Star, in ceremonies at Fort Ord last Saturday was Corp. George T. Yamaguchi, who resides with an uncle, Hiyoshi Yamaguchi, at 21039 So. Figueroa St.

Corporal Yamaguchi, who is scheduled to be released from the Army a week from tomorrow, was cited for gallantry in action in Korea on June 16, 1953.

Col. Weston L. Blanchard, assistant division commander of the Sixth Infantry Division, pinned the Silver Star on the corporal's tunic after reading from the official citation:

"As a member of an infantry company, Yamaguchi distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Satae-ri, Korea, on 16 June 1953."

Corp. Yamaguchi was a member of a forward patrol at Satae-ri during a large scale operation in the area. He was wounded, and although badly injured, continued his mission enabling members of his outfit to care for the other badly wounded men before he returned to a rear position. The patrol was able to make a successful defensive attack and drive off the Reds.

The Torrance soldier was decorated during a 20th Infantry Regiment Parade held at Fort Ord last Saturday.

### Rushed Again? See Gift Guide You'll Be Rushed But Don't Forget

that your shopping can be made easier if you turn to the Classified Section of your Torrance Herald and check the Christmas Gift Guide. You will find gift selections for her—for him—for the family—for the children, or for the home. Call FA. 8-4000



**THE FACTS . . .** Admiring millions of the law (left to right) Willard "Pop" Haslam, assistant chief; Officer Gus Rothwisch, and Sgts. D. C. Cook and Bill Evans flank pretty Fran Palumbo, who holds a sign giving the facts on the Policemen's Benefit Dance to be held tomorrow night in the Civic Auditorium from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Manny Harmon and his Movieband will play. Harmon played at the street dance held here recently, and was received enthusiastically. Tickets can be obtained from any officer on the Torrance Police force—tickets to the dance, that is. (Herald photo)